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## PURPOSE

To set forth the Georgia Technology Authority's requirements for its customers to manage their applications in the utilization of information resource managed environments. To define when a customer's proposed action requires the prior notification, review and approval of the Georgia Technology Authority.

## SCOPE

All Agencies as that term is defined in O.C.G.A. Section 50-25-1.

## STANDARD

In order to continue progress towards an interoperable enterprise production environment, as well as a unified Enterprise Information Technology Architecture, GTA has established the following standards regarding Agency production servers (Please also see Summary Table following Standards below):

### 1.0 Development, Test and Production Servers/Platforms in GTA Managed Environments

- 1.1 Prior to an Agency expenditure, GTA's IRM Division and the respective Agency IT Coordinator shall coordinate all agency technology initiatives that require the acquisition, installation or deployment of any Development, Test or Production Server Hardware or Software in a GTA Managed environment.
- 1.2 Where the projected costs of such initiatives are less than \$50,000, no Agency Request for Technology is required. All Procurement Laws, Rules, as well as Enterprise Policies and Standards apply (See Section 4.0).
- 1.3 Where the projected costs of such initiatives are \$50,000 or greater, Agencies shall submit an Agency Request for Technology (in accordance with the GTA Technology Review Policy) to their designated GTA Account Manager.
- 1.4 The standards set forth in this section apply to both new production server platform acquisitions, as well as upgrades and expansions to existing production server platforms.

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## **2.0 Production Servers/Platforms in Agency Managed Environments**

- 2.1 GTA delegates approval authority to the Agency IT Coordinator for all agency technology initiatives that require the acquisition, installation or deployment of any Production Server Hardware or Software in an Agency Managed environment, **where the projected costs of such initiatives are less than \$50,000.** No Agency Request for Technology is required. All Procurement Laws, Rules, as well as Enterprise Policies and Standards apply (See Section 4.0).
- 2.2 Where the projected costs of such initiatives are \$50,000 or greater, agencies shall submit an Agency Request for Technology (in accordance with the GTA Technology Review Policy) to their designated GTA Account Manager.
- 2.3 The standards set forth in this section apply to both new production server platform acquisitions, as well as upgrades and expansions to existing production server platforms.

## **3.0 Production Servers/Platforms in Application Service Provider Managed Environments**

- 3.1 GTA delegates approval authority to the Agency IT Coordinator for all agency technology initiatives that require the procurement of Application Service Provider (ASP) or other third party service provider services to host agency applications, **where the projected costs of such initiatives are less than \$50,000 over the life of the contract.** No Agency Request for Technology is required. All Procurement Laws, Rules, as well as Enterprise Policies and Standards apply (See Section 4.0).
- 3.2 Where the projected costs of such initiatives are \$50,000 or greater, agencies shall submit an Agency Request for Technology (in accordance with the GTA Technology Review Policy) to their designated GTA Account Manager.
- 3.3 The standards set forth in this section apply to both new agreements, as well as renewals to existing agreements.

## **4.0 All technology initiatives must comply with all procurement laws, including, but not limited to applicable competitive bidding requirements, as well as all applicable enterprise policies or standards, regardless of cost.**

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## ILLUSTRATION

The Standards listed above are illustrated in the following table:

### SUMMARY TABLE

Technology Initiative Cost	Upgrade/Expansion or Acquisition of New Dev, Test, or Production Servers/Platforms in GTA Managed Environments	Upgrade/Expansion or Acquisition of New Production Servers/Platforms in Agency Managed Environment	Production Servers/Platforms in Application Service Provider or other Third Party Managed Environments
Projected Cost is less than \$50,000	IRM & Agency Coordinate Project prior to purchase/implementation	Agency has Delegated Authority	Agency has Delegated Authority
Projected Cost is \$50,000 or greater	Agency Request for Technology	Agency Request for Technology	Agency Request for Technology

All Procurement Laws, Rules, Policies, as well as Enterprise Policies and Standards apply

## AUTHORITY

- O.C.G.A. Section 50-25-1 *et seq.*
- O.C.G.A. Sections 50-25-4(a) (11), (15), (22), (28), & (29).
- O.C.G.A. Section 50-25-7.8.

## ENFORCEMENT

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 50-25-7.8, Failure to adhere to these requirements shall render any resulting contracts void and of no effect. Further, any agency official willfully violating this requirement may be held personally liable for the costs associated with the equipment and services acquired.

## TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

1. **Production server** means a computer system used to process an organization's daily work. Examples include, but are not limited to servers and mainframes that provide application, database, network, mail, and reporting services. This definition does not include a system used only for development and testing.
2. **Production Server Hardware and Software** as used in this document means all hardware and software associated with a production server other than applications.
3. **Managed Environment** means any location operated, maintained and/or monitored by an Agency, the GTA or a third party (e.g. ASP) for the purpose of hosting, storing or serving data, files, or other content from live or production computer systems.